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## Summary

tommy isn't feeling well, as expected, after he dives back into business following his head injury. alfie tries to help


## Notes

See the end of the work for notes

After Tommy and Alfie talk business, Tommy starts to develop a headache. Well, he's got a constant headache since that fucking night with his head smashed in, but he's prone to migraines now. Alfie started noticing it when they started drinking. He'd tried to discourage Tommy from it but hadn't been able.

Tommy started slurring his words. Talking requires more effort to get right now, and when he's drunk, the effort just isn't there.

Ada had moved back up for the foreseeable future, until Tommy's head was back together. He'd stayed in London for some time until he was safe to travel. Now she's back in Birmingham, the only member of the family who makes him give his own body priority to the business. The only person who steered him away from the books and the papers and made sure he took his medication even though it made him foggy.

The medication that still makes him foggy, that makes him loose tongued and leads to *even more*… events with Alfie that he can't explain to people like Arthur, who don't understand.

He doesn't know how he ends up on the sofa in his office, laying down with his head on the headrest, Alfie worriedly stroking his hair from where he's kneeling beside him. "Tommy, can you hear me?"

"Mmm..." he says in some sort of confirmation.

"You had a bit of a funny turn there, mate. I was a bit worried." He pauses. "Should I get that sister of yours?"

Tommy considers, then says yes. He hates being vulnerable more than anything, but Ada controls his painkillers, and he needs just about everything she has right now.

He can't open his eyes because he knows what a bright day it is, and he brings his arm up to cover the light that gets through his eyelids. He groans as the noise of Alfie standing up and marching to the door to find Ada.

He doesn't hear Ada enter, but then the curtains are being closed and she's whispering to him, holding out tablets with a glass of water. Hears something under her breath about not drinking any more fucking alcohol. She says something about getting him up to bed, but Tommy thinks any movement might just set the nausea off, and he's sure he'll be back in hospital.

He feels like crying by how much it hurts, but then Alfie cups his cold hand around the scar on his head, gentle but applying enough pressure for the thumping pain to subside, and Tommy can't help but lean into it. "Thank... Alf..."

Ada sits on the side of Tommy's desk, feeling like a third wheel, but seeing Tommy, strangely, the most at peace he's been in weeks. First time Alfie's had time to make the trip since Tommy was in London. It's nice to see.

End Notes

thanks for reading! it's obvs a short one, as expected when trying to write like 8 fanfics in one day!

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